

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**  
**Organic-Inorganic Composite Particle and**  
**Process for Preparation Thereof**

An organic-inorganic composite particle containing an inorganic particle having a plurality of polymer particles attached to the inorganic particle and a polymer layer encapsulating the attached polymer particles. A process is provided for the organic-inorganic composite particle. The organic-inorganic composite particle is useful in the preparation of dried coatings that have improved hiding, whiteness, or gloss.